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SUMMARY: SOARES HAD ONE AND HALF HOUR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
ON REPUBLICA AFFAIR ON JUNE 5. NO DECISION REACHED, BUT
PM URGED SOARES NOT TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
MAY HAVE DECIDED TO RESOLVE MATTER IN PS FAVOR. CARDINAL
PARTRIACH IS ABOUT TO FORCE ISSUE ON RELATED RADIO
RENASCENCA CASE. END SUMMARY

1. A WELL PLUGGED IN SOCILIST SOURCE TOLD US THAT DURING THE
JJNE 5 COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S MEETING, PM GONCALVES BROKE
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OFF FOR AN HOUR AND HALF PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH MARIO

SOARES. SOARES TOLD PM THAT REPUBLICA CASE MUST BE RESOLVED BY MONDAY, JUNE 9 (REF A). HE OFFERED NO COMPROMISE AND SAID COMMUNIST TYPOGRAPHERS WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED FROM REPUBLICA.

2. PM WAS UNUSUALLY FRIENDLY (HE AND SOARES HAVE NEVER GOTTEN ALONG WELL) AND SAID SOCIALIST PRESENCE WAS ESSENTIAL IN GOVERNMENT. PM REQUESTED THAT SOARES GIVE HIM MORE TIME AND NOT BACK HIM UP AGAINST THE WALL.

3. SOARES REPLIED THAT IT WAS TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHERE IT WAS HEADED--TO EUROPE, TO A COMMUNIST STATE, OR TO A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. PEOPLE WERE GETTING FED UP WITH THE STATE OF UNCERTAINTY. PM MADE NO COMMITMENTS.

4. OUR SOCIALISTS SOURCES, WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHETHER SOARES REALLY WILL FORCE A SHOWDOWN AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE THREAT TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT, SAY THAT THEY THINK SOARES WILL TAKE A STAND THIS TIME--BUT THEY DO NOT DENY THAT SOCIALISTS HAVE NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION AND COULD STILL OPT FOR A COMPROMISE. SOCIALISTS ARE RECEIVING BACK DOOR MESSAGES FROM THEIR FRIENDS IN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SUGGESTING THEY NOT PRESS ISSUE TOO HARD. AT LEAST ONE PS SOURCE IS CONVINCED THAT RC HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO TRANSFER TYOPGRAPHERS TO ANOTHER NEWSPAPER.

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CARDINAL PATRIACH TOLD SOARES THAT CHURCH INTENDED TO FORCE RADIO RENASCENCA ISSUE (REF B). PATRIACH WILL PROBABLY HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE ON THAT SUBJECT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS SAY SOCIALISTS.

6. COMMENT: RC OPTIONS ARE NARROWING AS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BEGIN TO CLOSE IN (REF C). CHANCES ARE THAT RC WILL GIVE ON REPUBLICA RATHER THAN SHUT THE DOOR ON EUROPE (AND ITS MONEY).
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